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Claims:

1. A computer-like readable medium comprising a main file having a filename including a primary filename and at least one encoded target file address, the primary filename of
5   said main file and said at least one encoded target file address being separated by a first control character and two consecutive encoded target addresses being separated by a second control character.

2. The computer-like readable medium of claim 1 wherein
10   the target file available at the target address encoded in said filename is the source file of said main file.

3. A method for hyperlinking at least one target file available at a target address to a main file having a primary filename, said method comprising the steps of :

15   - encoding the target address of each of said target files (step 110) ;

          - merging said primary filename and said encoded target addresses in a filename (step 115) ; and,

          - renaming said main file with said filename (step 120),

20   wherein said primary filename and said encoded target addresses are separated by a first control character and two consecutive encoded target addresses are separated by a second control character.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said step of encoding the
25   target address of each of said target files comprises the steps of :

- analyzing the target address of each of said target files to detect predetermined characters ; and,

- replacing said predetermined characters by associated characters,

5   said predetermined and associated characters being stored in a lexicography table.

5.   The method of either claim 3 or claim 4 wherein the encoded target addresses are merged with said primary filename, by inserting the encoded target addresses in front

10   of the extension dot of said primary filename.

6.   The method of anyone of claims 3 to 5 further comprising a compression step to reduce the size of the encoded target addresses.

7.   The method of anyone of claims 3 to 5 for hyperlinking

15   several target files to a main file, further comprising the steps of :

- determining whether or not a path is common for several encoded target addresses ; and,

- if a path is common for several encoded target

20   addresses,

- inserting a third dedicated character at the end of the common path of the first encoded target address including said common path ;

- removing the common path of the following encoded

25   target addresses including said common path ; and,

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- inserting a fourth control character in front of the encoded target addresses that do not include said common path.

8.   A method to access at least one target file from a main file that filename includes a primary filename and at least one encoded target address wherein said at least one target file is available, said method comprising the steps of :

- parsing said filename (step 300) ;

- decoding said at least one encoded target address according to the encoding process of anyone of claims 3 to 7 (step 320) ; and,

- accessing said at least one target file available at said decoded target address (step 325).

9.   The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of :

- analyzing said decoded target address to determine the type of said at least one target file available at said decoded target address ; and,

- launching the application associated to the type of said at least one target file.

10. An apparatus comprising means adapted for carrying out the method according to anyone of the claims 3 to 9.

11. A computer-like readable medium comprising instructions for carrying out the method according to anyone of the claims 3 to 9.

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